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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH
THE CZECH REPUBLIC

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.

3. THE PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED THE LETTER RECOGNIZING THE
INDEPENDENCE OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC ON JANUARY 1, 1993 AND
OFFERING TO OPEN FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IF THE CZECH
REPUBLIC PROVIDES CERTAIN COMMITMENTS.

4. THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE
FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC (OR HIS DEPUTY
SHOULD THE FOREIGN MINISTER BE UNAVAILABLE) FOR SOME TIME
ON JANUARY 1. THE ACTUAL TIMING OF THE APPOINTMENT IS
UNIMPORTANT.

5. DURING THIS APPOINTMENT, THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD HAND
OVER A COPY OF THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER
KLAUS AND SHOULD THEN RECEIVE A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT
FROM THE PRIME MINISTER ACCEPTING OUR OFFER OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS AND OFFERING THE REQUIRED ASSURANCES.

6. THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WILL BE A CEREMONIAL EVENT AND
ANY REMARKS SHOULD BE CONFINED TO PLEASANTRIES AND A
SUMMARY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER.

7. THE WHITE HOUSE WILL ANNOUNCE THE RECOGNITION OF THE
CZECH REPUBLIC AND OUR OFFER OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE
EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE NO PUBLIC COMMENT UNTIL THE WHITE
HOUSE STATEMENT IS ISSUED. WE WILL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE
WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT FOR EMBASSY'S USE AS SOON AS IT IS
AVAILABLE.

8. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S LETTER TO
PRIME MINISTER KLAUS DATED JANUARY 1, 1993:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER,

IN VIEW OF THE HISTORIC DISCUSSIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE
BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLE,
AND THE DECISION OF THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY TO DISSOLVE THE
CZECH AND SLOVAK FEDERAL REPUBLIC, I AM PLEASED TO INFORM
YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE CZECH
REPUBLIC AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE.

SINCE THE PEACEFUL OVERTHROW OF COMMUNISM IN NOVEMBER
1989, WE HAVE CARRIED ON AN EXTENSIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE
DIALOGUE CONCERNING ISSUES CRITICAL TO THE INTERESTS OF
BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC.

SINCE THE AGREEMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAK
REPUBLIC TO DISSOLVE THE CZECH AND SLOVAK FEDERAL
REPUBLIC, WE HAVE DISCUSSED VARIOUS COMMITMENTS NECESSARY
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

YOU HAVE EXPRESSED THE FIRM COMMITMENT OF THE CZECH
REPUBLIC TO ABIDE BY THE DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND SPECIFIC
PROVISIONS EMBODIED IN THE U.N. CHARTER, THE CHARTER OF
PARIS, THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND ALL SUBSEQUENT CSCE
DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE REGARDING SOVEREIGNTY, PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES AND THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF
OTHER STATES, AND TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF
COOPERATION IN EUROPE AIMED AT THE CREATION OF AN
EFFECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM.

YOU HAVE ASSURED US OF YOUR COMMITMENT TO FULFILL THE
TREATY AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE CZECH AND SLOVAK

FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CZECH REPUBLIC IS COMMITTED TO ASSUMING AN EQUITABLE SHARE OF THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE CZECH AND SLOVAK FEDERAL REPUBLIC TOWARDS THIRD STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

WE HAVE WELCOMED YOUR COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT RESPONSIBLE SECURITY POLICIES, RESOLUTELY TO FULFILL INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS RELATING TO THE BAN ON WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, INCLUDING THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, AND TO ADOPT EFFECTIVE LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION AND EXPORT OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND OTHER DESTABILIZING MILITARY TECHNOLOGY, AS WELL AS MEASURES CONCERNING TRANSFER OF THEIR PRODUCTION KNOW-HOW.

WE HAVE ALSO WELCOMED THE COMMITMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO IMPLEMENT FULLY THE TREATY ON CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN EUROPE, TO CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AS A NON-NUCLEAR STATE, AND TO AGREE TO FULL-SCOPE IAEA SAFEGUARDS.

FURTHER, WE HAVE WELCOMED YOUR COMMITMENT TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING FULFILLMENT OF COMMITMENTS CONCERNING NATIONAL MINORITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, AND TO MOVE RAPIDLY TOWARD THE CREATION OF A FREE MARKET ECONOMY IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC, AND HAVE OFFERED OUR ASSISTANCE IN THAT PROCESS.

THE UNITED STATES IS NOW PREPARED TO PROCEED, UPON CONFIRMATION OF THESE COMMITMENTS, WITH THE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO STATES OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PERMANENT MISSIONS. IT IS MY INTENTION THAT ADRIAN A. BASORA WOULD CONTINUE IN PRAGUE AS AMBASSADOR TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC, AND I INVITE YOU TO INDICATE YOUR PLANS WITH RESPECT TO AN AMBASSADOR IN THE UNITED STATES.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE AGREEING TO THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND TO THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF CORDIAL AND PRODUCTIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SINCERELY, GEORGE BUSH. END TEXT. SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL BE FORWARDED BY POUCH.

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